



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 140

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSIONS TO NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The medical director of a
2 nursing home or rest home shall have results of Mental Illness/Mental
3 Retardation screening before admitting any patient and shall deny
4 admission to such facility by any patient if the medical director
5 determines that the nursing home or rest home does not have adequate
6 numbers of trained staff and the proper treatment protocols to meet
7 the needs of said patient.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) No hospital, state hospital,
9 community mental health center or public or private mental health
10 facility, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, may
11 discharge, to any chronic and convalescent nursing home or any rest
12 home with nursing supervision, any patient having a psychiatric
13 diagnosis unless the nursing home or rest home has a separate unit
14 with an adequate level of trained personnel to care for the psychiatric
15 needs of such patients. The medical director of a nursing home or rest
16 home shall have results of Mental Illness/Mental Retardation
17 screening before admitting any such patient and shall deny admission
18 to such facility by said patient if the medical director determines that
19 the nursing home or rest home does not have adequate numbers of
20 trained staff and the proper treatment protocols to meet the needs of
21 said patient.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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